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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **NINE COUNT CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST SUNROAD EXECUTIVE FOR LOBBYING VIOLATIONS**

**San Diego, CA:** City Attorney Michael Aguirre announced a nine (9) count criminal misdemeanor complaint was filed against Tom Story, an executive with Sunroad Enterprises, for violations of the City of San Diego's Ethics Ordinance, which prohibits lobbying by former City officials for a one-year period immediately following termination of services with the City of San Diego.

The criminal complaint alleges that the misdemeanors were committed in connection with the building of the Sunroad Centrum I high-rise in Kearny Mesa. Mr. Story is the Vice President of Development for Sunroad Enterprises, the building's developer, and was hired the latter part of 2005.

Mr. Story began his employment with the City in 1997. For more than ten years he held positions in the City's planning and development departments including as a deputy director. In January 2001, Mr. Story was appointed Senior Policy Advisor for former Mayor Dick Murphy and later became his Chief of Staff until July 29, 2005. Mr. Story went on leave through August 13, 2005 and was paid by the City of San Diego until November 22, 2005.

Mr. Story is charged with one (1) count of violating Municipal Code Section 27.3550 (a), on August 4, 2006, which prohibits a former City Official from engaging in direct communication with the City on a particular project in which that official had a role during their tenure with the City.

Mr. Story is charged with seven (7) counts of violating Municipal Code Section 27.3550 (b), which prohibits indirect communication by a former City official. The criminal complaint alleges that on or about April 3, 2006, June 9, 2006, June 26, 2006, June 28, 2006, July 13, 2006, August 7, 2006, and October 12, 2006, Mr. Story committed the violations.

Mr. Story is charged with one (1) count of violating Municipal Code Section 27.3550 (d), on August 4, 2006, which prohibits City officials from using indirect or direct lobbying of the City if certain circumstances apply:

- 1) Mr. Story had served as a City official within the previous twelve months;
- 2) Mr. Story had received compensation from the City; and
- 3) Mr. Story was being paid by Sunroad Enterprises to engage in direct communication with the City.

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City Attorney Aguirre also confirmed that subpoenas have been issued. The criminal complaint was filed Tuesday afternoon, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Story was advised of the criminal complaint the same day by mail.

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